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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2012
Bow Town Offices

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Rick Chormann (Concord), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), David Kirkpatrick (Bow), and Harry Anderson (Northfield)

Members absent: Robert Sharon (Franklin), Tucker Noack (Franklin), and Nancy Roy (Canterbury)
Others Present: Mr. Liolis and Madeline Olsen

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda with the exception of item A which was corrected to reflect that the next meeting will be in Canterbury. The Canterbury meeting will be held on **November 12** and the **December 10** meeting will be in Concord.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was approved and placed on file. Michele noted that the Bow Garden Club provided UMRLAC with a \$50 donation after their presentation to the Garden Club on what UMRLAC does. The only outstanding adopt-a-site payments are PSNH (2 years) and Checkmate (1 year). Krista will call and check on the status of these two adopt-a-site sponsors.

UMRLAC discussed potential new adopt-a-site sponsors for the additional biomonitoring sites. The following potential new sponsors: Site 12 (K cups, Edmunds with the charter school providing volunteer support), Site 13 (Ross Trucking, Murray Farms, Black Forest Nursery, National Lumber and Riverside Vet), Site 14 (Wheelabrator, Concord Coop, Rivco, Core Fitness, Corriveau Routhier and HP Hood), Site 15 (Summer Freeze, Concord Monitor, Brochu Nursery, Marriott, Weston Solutions, Concord Hospital and Pediatric Dentistry), Site 16 (Grappone, Hampton Inn, Chen Yang Li, Blue Seal, Pitco Friolator and New England Freight) and Site 17 (Canterbury Woods). Michele will be looking for volunteers to contact some of these companies.

Membership

Madeline Olsen lives in Concord and is interested in joining UMRLAC. She is a river ecologist that works for UNH and has additional expertise in Nitrogen issues. She intends to submit an application to join UMRLAC and Rick Chormann will help her with the process.

Grants

Michele solicited feedback on the planning board presentations. The meetings in Boscawen, Concord and Bow were discussed (Northfield and Franklin were discussed previously and the Canterbury discussion will be delayed until Nancy Roy is able to attend). In general, the

meetings went well; however, the Boscawen meeting was a little contentious probably due to a lack of understanding about the functions and track record of UMLAC.

UMLAC/CNHRPC submitted our 604 b grant application to NH DES. We are waiting to hear whether we will receive funding.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

PSNH is expanding their high power transmission line in Bow and solicited feedback from UMLAC, 5 Rivers Conservation Trust, and the Bow Conservation Commission on potential projects to mitigate the wetland impacts from the construction work. UMLAC suggested funding for the Northern Rail Trail Concord work and the Boscawen river swing erosion problem. Bow's Conservation Commission suggested improvements to the Garvin Falls portage and Turee Pond recreational area parking.

The Mojalaki golf course in Franklin submitted a wetlands permit to expand their existing irrigation pond from 17,579 sq ft to 32,550 sq ft. This will impact 2,334 sq ft of wetland and 118 feet of intermittent stream. The pond will be dredged to deepen it. The project is needed because the irrigation pond goes dry during the summer when irrigation is most needed. Most of the discussion was on whether the project would actually work and the lack of detail in the application. The pond and intermittent stream dry out because the water table drops during the summer. It is unclear whether more storage in the pond without lining the pond would fix that problem unless the deepening of the pond intersects the seasonal low water table. The depth that the pond can be deepened might be limited by ledge. UMLAC will prepare comments that discuss these concerns. It is possible that the 1999 document referenced in the application but not provided could address our concerns.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Gary is the website reviewer for October.
- 2) The November meeting will be the annual election of UMLAC officers; Steve will chair the meeting.
- 3) Michele would like the January or February meeting be a public meeting with a speaker; this is similar to last year's November meeting. She discussed the NH Humanities Council Catalog and topics in that document such as Steve Taylor's talk on the Great Sheep Boom in NH. Krista will look through the catalog for ideas.
- 4) It was suggested that UMLAC tour the biodynamic farm located on the former sod farm this summer. Other activities that were suggested included storm drain stenciling

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn